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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3765

Application No.: 10/607,147

Examiner: P. Nerbun

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Docket No.: 116348

For: SEWING APPARATUS, THREAD CASSETE THEREFOR AND CONTROL PROGRAM THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 27, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claim 25 is allowed, and claims 2-23 include allowable subject matter.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 103(a)

The Office action rejects claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,183,313 to Odermann et al. ("Odermann"); and rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Odermann in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,874,312 to Cook et al. ("Cook"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.